

LITTLE SOMERFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Council Meeting Tuesday 2nd September 2025 Little Somerford Village Hall

Minutes

Present	Cllr D Orchard Cllr R Taylor	Cllr A Beer Cllr S Orchard Cllr R Simmons
In Attendance	R Nuttall (Clerk)	Wilts Cllr Threlfall 2 members of the public

Public Question Time

The Parish Council was asked if the meeting minutes could be displayed on the notice board. Unfortunately, there is not enough room.

The Parish Council will ensure that a report from meetings is published in The Signpost.

Action: Clerk

Reports from Unitary Councillor and Council Representatives.

Wiltshire Cllr Threlfall gave a short report including promoting the Wiltshire Connect Bus.

25/09/1 **Apologies for Absence** Cllr Cameron

25/09/2 **Declarations of Interest** There were no declarations of interest.
The Parish Council Co-opted Paul Tilley who signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office. Proposed: Cllr Beer, Seconded: Cllr Simmons.

25/09/3.1 **Minutes and Matters Arising**
The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting of 4th July 2025 were approved and signed as a true record of the meeting.
Proposed: Cllr D Orchard; Seconded: Cllr Taylor

25/09/3.2 It was agreed that all items shaded green on the Action Register were completed. All other items shaded amber are in progress.
To note: The swings at the park have been painted, a letter of thanks to be sent.

Action: Clerk

Looking for quotes for slide repair – recommendations to Cllr Cameron. **Action: All**

Quote Received for taking down of dead Cherry Trees – Cllrs Simmons and Tilley will take down trees –
Action: Cllr Simmons, Tilley, Cameron

25/09/4.1 **Planning Matters**
Planning Applications - to consider the Council's response to any applications received.
PL/2025/06401 Mills Farm – No Objection **Action: Clerk**

25/09/4.2 **To ratify decision made by the Parish Council between meetings.**
PL/2025/06190 Ashleigh – proposed new dwelling - OBJECT
PL/2025/06193 Somerhill House, extra care unit – OBJECT
PL/2025/05708 – 25 Vale Leaze, garden room – OBJECT

25/09/4.3 **Applications Determined by Wiltshire Council since the last meeting.**
PL/2025/05694 The Old Rectory – Tree Works – No objection
PL/2025/05132 Pound House – Tree works – No objection

25/09/4.4 No other planning issues

25/09/5 **Finance & Audit**

25/09/5.1 **To approve Payments & Receipts**
The Finance report was received, and the Parish Council ratified and approved payments and receipts.
Proposed: Cllr Beer; seconded: Cllr Simmons

25/09/5.2 The Receipts and Payments to the end of August were noted and the bank reconciliation for July and August signed by the Chair.
The current account stands at £16464, and the year-to-date surplus is £1010.

25/09/6 **Governance**

25/09/6.1 **Financial Regulations** were reviewed, agreed and signed by the Chair.
Proposed: Cllr Simmons; seconded Cllr D Orchard.

25/09/6.2 Cllr D Orchard has reviewed service provided for website hosting and all agreed that it was good value and an excellent service.

25/09/6.3 The Chair for November will be Cllr Simmons, and the Vice Chair Cllr Taylor.

25/09/7 The Annual Cemetery Report was received. All is in good order, although some of the wooden path edging may need replacing. It was decided that this could be a capital project for 2026 to replace all of the edging with stone and add gravel to the path. Cllr Tilley will give an estimated cost.

The Cemetery Regulations we reviewed, it was agreed that no changes were needed.

25/09/8 **Highways Matters**

Various potholes – Vale Leaze and junction at Millennium Green.

To be reported to Wessex Water – loose manhole cover by the Park. It was requested that the clerk send out a reminder for people to report potholes on the My Wilts App. my.wiltshire.gov.uk

Clerks Report/ Correspondence Received, Items for next Meeting

- 25/09/9.1 It was agreed that Little Somerford History could have a page on the Parish Council website for the village History Trail, this will be managed by Cllr D Orchard.
- 25/09/9.2 It was agreed to apply for a metro count near to the Vale Leaze junction as requested by the Speed Watch Team.
- 25/09/9.3 It was decided not to take further action in response to a letter received regarding parking near the Vale Leaze junction. Due to the letter being anonymous the Parish Council are unable to respond. Residents have previously been contacted regarding parking, and all residents of Little Somerford are reminded to park with consideration to their neighbours and other road users.
- 25/09/10.1 **Update on Standing items.**
Allotment and Paddock Cllr Simmons will roll the path at the allotments
Action Cllr Simmons
- 25/09/10.2 **Defibrillator** – no further reports
- 25/09/10.3 **Play Park** – RoSPA inspection due in September.
- 25/09/10.4 **Telephone Book Exchange** – no updates
- 25/09/10.5 **Speed Indicator Device** – Has been moved to Field View. It was noted that while on The Hill, the top speed recorded was 98mph. Please take care when driving through the village and observe all speed limits.
- 25/09/10.6 **Rights of Way** – Cllr Beer will be working with Great Somerford PC. There are 2 more gates on order. The Clerk to contact Wiltshire Council re contacting landowners.
Action: Clerk
- 25/09/11 **Dates for Future Meetings**
4th November 2025,
2026 - 13th January, 3rd March, 5th May, 2nd June, 7th July, 1st September,
3rd November